Baker's salary hike: Unsettling news in lean budget times

By Maria R. Van Schyver
Daily Mustang Editor

Cal Poly President Warren Baker likely will be awarded an 18 percent pay increase at today's meeting of the California State University Board of Trustees in Long Beach — making Baker the highest paid president in the university system.

Proposed increases averaging 8 percent for 18 of the system's 20 presidents will cost the CSU more than $200,000 — an amount CSU officials are calling minimal to keep "quality administrators." "It's really not that much money when you consider that we have a $1.5 billion budget to work with," said CSU spokesperson Colleen Bentley-Adler. "It's important to us to keep our presidents happy and in the system."

Funding for the proposed increases comes from $50 million that was awarded to the CSU by the State Legislature after the fiscal year 1993-94 academic year. That money was slated in late September to go to presidents, faculty and staff in the form of pay increases. But with the passage of the presidential pay raises virtually imminent, faculty and staff this week have voiced concerns over whether they, too, will receive pay increases this year. Thus far, no pay raises have come close to being finalized for anyone other than the CSU presidents.

"How can they find money for President Baker, but not for staff or faculty?" said Staff Council Chair Pat Harris. "I think the Chancellor's Office finds money when it wants to. I guess keeping President Baker happy is more important to them than keeping the staff and faculty happy."

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Supreme Court deals blow to abortion foes

By Richard Correll
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A unanimous Supreme Court ruled Monday that protesters who block access to abortion clinics or in other ways conspire to stop women from having abortions may be sued as racketeers.

The decision, which could threaten Operation Rescue and other anti-abortion groups with financial ruin, also allows federal courts to order a halt to illegal protests at clinics.

Although focused only on interpreting a federal anti-racketeering law, the decision is a big victory for the National Organization for Women and the Clinton administration.

NOW had taken the case to the high court, and the administration had sided with NOW's view of the disputed law. Lower courts have thrown out the nationwide class-action lawsuit that tried to invoke the anti-racketeering law against Operation Rescue and other groups. Monday's decision reinstated the lawsuit, which stems from

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L.A. commute improves after last week's chaos

By Anh Hai
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Commuters poured onto a crippled freeway system on Monday, testing a patchwork of repairs and detours the engineers hoped would ease gridlock wrought by the Northridge earthquake.

While early traffic through one bottleneck north of Los Angeles moved faster than expected, highways and surface streets on the city's west side were jammed as motorists made their way around several breaks in Interstate 10.

Train service helped ease the crunch for commuters.

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A wet beginning to the week

Rain drenches Poly, but it's still a comparably dry winter

By Pamela Slaghter
Daily Mustang Writer

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JUVENILE JUSTICE

Stiff penalties for young offenders are en vogue across the land

Associated Press

Stop the bloody violence! You can start by locking up criminal kids and throwing their guns away.

That's the public outcry state lawmakers and governors are heeding as they draft laws this busy election year.


Associated Press statehouse bureaus found these and more in a mountain of bills and proposals offered in the 44 legislatures meeting this year.

In sheer volume, anti-crime bills dwarf measures to draft budgets, improve education, fix welfare, get cracking on health care reform, and deal with persistent issues like abortion, drunken driving and gambling.

"As compared to education or the environment," Iowa state Sen. Jack Rife explained, "this is the hot button that gets us all re-elected."

Overall, reported crime is down. The FBI in October announced a 2.9 percent drop to 141 million reported crimes in 1992, the first decline since 1984.

But violent crime is up. And the violent are more often young.

While arrests of adults for murder and some lesser forms of homicide rose 11 percent from 1982 to 1991, arrests of juveniles for those crimes rose 93 percent, the Children's Defense Fund reported last week.

The numbers electrify lawmakers like Robin Taylor, a state senator in Alaska, where some people still leave doors unlocked.

"As these statistics move out of Los Angeles, they come creeping into Anchorage, and from there it will get out to the villages and hamlets of Alaska," he warned. Last year nearly half the states enacted laws dealing with weapons and youth violence. This year a dozen propose gun control measures alone, from barring gun ownership for anyone under 18, to banning assault weapons.

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AGENDA: Legislating violent youth hot topic

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Currently, nobody who has money can easily get a gun, Fetzer said. He said gun control laws require a waiting period, licensing and background checks, but good first steps, but it would take a long time to significantly decrease the number of weapons in the hands of private individuals.

"A lot of people are going to hold on to handguns no matter what the law is because they believe, contrary to me, that they have the right to own guns," Fetzer said.

But in countries that regulate firearms, such as Canada, Britain and Japan, Fetzer maintains the number of people wounded or killed is considerably less than in some U.S. cities. Unless a person could prove the need for possession of a handgun in a home, Fetzer says it should be illegal.

"Guns are the easiest way to harm people," Fetzer said. "It's very difficult to get away from someone who's mad at you and has a gun as opposed to a knife or some other weapon."

Gun-related deaths stemming from accidental shootings or emotions reactions would decrease if stricter laws were imposed, Fetzer said. He said he thinks the easy availability of handguns facilitates the abuse of firearms.

"Obviously it takes a person to misuse a gun," Fetzer said. "But any of us can get emotionally out of balance. Some of us may even go a step further, and be- come a gun is handy, we'll use it."

But punishing people after they've been killed is too late, Fetzer said. He said he would like to see severe regulation or an outright ban on firearms.

"Prevention is what is needed," Fetzer said. "If you prevent something, it's less expensive and people don't die or get severely injured."

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Some states are also trying to prevent youthful gun crimes by link- ing various agencies working to guide children into productive adulthood.

"There are a lot of legislators who are saying 'How can we keep across departments? That the same deed is being serviced by juvenile justice, by job training, by social services, by education,' said Karl Kurtz, head of state services for the Denver-based National Conference of State Legislatures, which advises states.

"That's a more sophisticated approach," he said.

For example, Washington state lawmakers will consider a package of bills that include gun control for minors, stricter penal- ties for juvenile criminals, job training, community anti-crime efforts, a public ad campaign against violence and angry management classes for schools.

More typical are single measures with public appeal.

Especially popular are varia- tions of 'three strikes, you're out,' the slogan that sold Washington voters last Novem- ber on a law that will lock up the worst offenders for life with no parole after a third conviction.

South Carolina Rep. Steve Lanford wants weightlifting barred in prison. "They need to spend more time in the library instead of the weight room," he said.

Florida's 6-cent sales tax could go up a half-cent to 7%.

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Under one Rhode Island measure, parents convicted of abuse of child abuse could lose their prison time if they get sterilized. Another bill would let fathers who fail to pay child support choose vasectomy or jail.

Bills in California and Okla- homa would allow concealed weapons. The California measure also eases gun permits for domestic abuse victims.

Children would get lessons in how to avoid abduction under a New York proposal.

After opposing guns, state senator faces recall vote

"This is an attempt to in- midicate Congress and every state legislature as well," Roberti said at a Capitol news con- ference.

He said Sarah Brady, whose efforts led to enactment of a federal five-day waiting period for handgun purchases, would help oppose the recall, and he predicted national gun groups would oppose him.

Brady is the wife of James Brady, the former White House press secretary who was wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan.

Stephen Helsky, a National Rifle Association lobbyist, denied that the NRA was involved in the recall drive, but another gun group, Gun Owners of California, distributed a letter supporting Roberti's mother.

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Calendar debate: It’s time for a referendum

Quarter, semesters, trimesters — suddenly, they’re the talk of the campus. President Warren Baker wants to move to trimesters, an academic calendar used by only a few major universities. He’d like to see the university move in that direction ideally, by the end of the year.

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Ethnic studies minor vote shows need for Senate accountability

Cal Poly took the first step toward incorporating an ethnic studies minor last week when, with only one dissenting vote, the Academic Senate adopted an ethnic studies minor proposal.

Pending approval from President Warren Baker and eSU Chancellor Barry Munitz, Cal Poly will join the ranks of 18 other universities in the CSU system that offer an ethnic studies minor.

Margaret Camuso, the office administrator for the Academic Senate, said voice votes are used unless a member specifically requests a roll call vote. In this case, a roll call vote was not requested.

Referendums at Cal Poly have been held on slightly less important issues, such as 1992’s athletic referendum. Given the importance this matter. But a referendum would stand as a clear signal for what students want. Even if only an advisory vote, it’s clear students need for Senate accountability.

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"I don’t approve of cutting off body parts. True, I have known some members of the male sex who think with a certain organ instead of the brain — but they can keep their parts, as far as I’m concerned."

Some women I know actually cheered upon hearing about Lorena’s knife-handling skills.

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And now the knife-wielding Lorena is free. A sad day for mankind, from what I have heard.

Of course, I can’t say I blame them. A man’s penis is, quite literally, an extension of himself. I’ve heard many men speak quite fondly of their penis. Some even speak highly about their accomplishments — only after using generous adjectives describing its size.

Good for her,” a friend of mine said after hearing allegations that John repeatedly abused his wife — both emotionally and physically — during their rocky four-year marriage.

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I’m not sure if Lorena should have been escaped punishment. And although she admitted her crime, I can understand how years of abuse drove her to it. But whether trimesters is the appropriate move for Cal Poly — a university which has long been a stalwart advocate and model for the quarter system — is unclear. There is no broad consensus from any campus body. In fact, the Academic Senate has yet to endorse any particular calendar — and ASP Board of Directors has also struggled to act decisively.

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One argument I heard in the media coverage of the case was that women face violence all the time. If Lorena’s husband was in fact, beating her — although he was acquitted in November of sexually assaulting his wife — then I’m glad she’s free today. No one deserves to remain in a violent situation.

A few months ago, my roommate interviewed a woman whose husband of 22 years shot her in the face. Fortunately, the bullet grazed the side of her face and she lived, but she was scarred for life.

Her husband was sentenced to seven years, released on parole and returned to jail again after violating his parole. His ex-wife has received threats from him repeatedly. He will be released this year.

And Lorena was facing 20 years? I know these are two entirely different cases, but it seems to me that violence committed against women occurs more frequently than violence against men. In the Bobbitt case, a man was the victim of an violent and unusual act — an event that made headlines.

I have to give Lorena some credit. She refused to accept her husband’s abuse any longer. John will forever be known as the man who had his penis severed by his wife. Her action was the most effective way to humble him.

Here is a special message for all guys: Be real men. Treat women with respect and dignity, and we will treat you the same way. We are not toys. We are not objects.

We are your partners. Work with us and we will work with you. Who knows what we can accomplish then?

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Mustang Daily article on ASI's search for Open House

An incorrect date was included in a Monday, Jan. 24 Mustang Daily article on ASI’s search for Open House funding (“ASI looking to businesses for festival funds”). The article stated that campus clubs have until Feb. 17 to submit proposals for Open House events and Feb. 17 is actually when proposal forms will be made available to clubs. The forms aren’t due until March 9.
Silence is golden to Jackson's accuser

The settlement, expected to be announced today during a hearing before Superior Court Judge David Rothman, includes a financial settlement "in eight figures," the source told The Associated Press. Scott Willens, 38, a garment district worker, found his first ride on the train an enjoyable one. But he worried about not having his late model Honda for emergencies. Schroeder said an other trouble area is Highland drive leading on to campus. He said there are two areas on campus which have accumulated water, but that they are perennial problem spots.

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Why pay raises for presidents?  

As the numbers might predict, keeping CSU presidents has become an increasingly difficult task, according to Bentley-Adler.  

"With (out-of-state) universities receiving large pay raises for their presidents, which is part of the reason why we can't pay it, it's getting harder and harder for us to keep the quality administrators at the university, or at least keep those that we have," she said. "Retention is a major concern."  

CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz quoted in a Jan. 14 Press Box article said: "If you want good people, you have to pay them a reasonable amount of money."
SA L A R Y: Student trustee says approval of presidential pay will be tough choice; worries faculty turning bitter

"I think that it's not timely for the trustees to do this now. The presidents getting salary increases isn't a very good message to send."

Chris Lowe
CSU student trustee

"For students, that's a hard one to answer. We just know how it feels to get our fees raise again and again and then see other people getting paid more."

CSU Student Trustee Chris Lowe — who also serves as ASI president at CSU- Fullerton — said voting in favor of the pay increases is going to be a difficult thing for him to do.

"I think that it's not timely for the trustees to do this now," he said. "The faculty are upset with their work situation and that follows them into the classroom," Lowe said. "They continue to work harder, have increased coursework and aren't being compensated. If we don't keep the right people, then we will lose the quality education we want to maintain."

Daily Staff Writer Lisa M. Hansen contributed to this report.

Pentagon official nominated to fill top defense post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said today he will nominate William Perry, currently the No. 2 man at the Pentagon, to be the next secretary of defense. If confirmed by the Senate, he would succeed Les Aspin.

"He has the right vision for the job," Clinton said at a White House announcement, as Perry stood at his side. "He has been on the cutting edge on defense issues."

The president applauded Perry's 1970s work on developing stealth technology for weapons and his more recent work in helping reform the Pentagon purchasing rules.

"In every aspect of his work Bill Perry has earned high marks of respect from those in both parties," Clinton said.

Clinton turned to Perry six days after his initial choice, retired Navy Admiral Bobby Ray Inman, had a change of heart and withdrew.

Perry worked in the Pentagon during the Carter administration and returned under Aspin. He also has worked in the defense industry and in academia, earning bipartisan respect in Congress as well as solid reviews from senior military officers.

The president said Aspin would stay on duty, pending Perry's confirmation.

Clinton settled on Perry over the weekend and, after initially expressing some reluctance, he accepted the president's offer. The announcement was timed so the vacancy would not distract from Clinton's State of the Union address Tuesday night.

As word of Clinton's choice leaked Monday, the initial reactions from Capitol Hill were favorable.

"He's a great choice. Perry's a real professional with depth of experience," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

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